



SHOULD (7)

Explain how an electron gun works

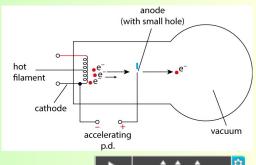
When an electron moves through a potential difference V, the work done on it (energy transferred) is eV (charge on the electron x potential difference)

1 eV ('electronvolt') is the amount of energy transferred to one electron moving across a 1 V potential difference.

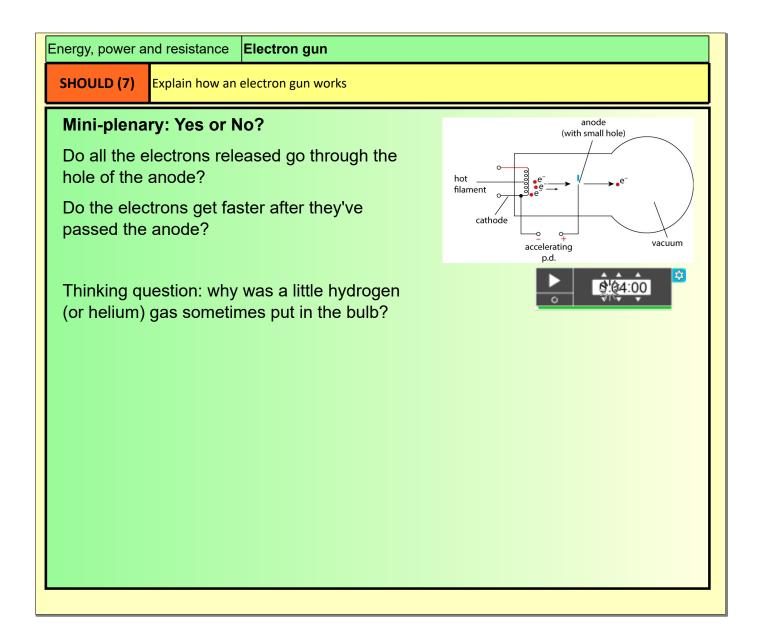
Task

Use the guided worksheet to work out step-bystep how an electron gun works. If you need hints, just ask.

Extension: the last two questions on the worksheet extend the ideas.







Energy, power and resistance |

Electron guns

COULD (8/9)

Calculate a value for the kinetic energy of an electron being emitted from an electron gun.

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Deriving an equation for the velocity of an electron:

Work done on the electron = eV

Kinetic energy gained = 0.5mv²

 $eV = 0.5mv^2$, and rearrange:

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$$eV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
 therefore kinetic energy = eV [1]

kinetic energy =
$$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \times 12000$$
 [1]

kinetic energy =
$$1.9 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J (2 s.f.)}$$
 [1]

3 kinetic energy =
$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
 therefore [1]

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 1.8 \times 10^{-15}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31}}} = 6.0 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}} \,(2 \,\mathrm{s.f.})$$
 [1]

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$$v = 0.09 \times 3.00 \times 10^8 = 2.7 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$$
 [1]

$$eV = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$
 therefore $V = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}{e}$ [1]

$$V = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times \left(2.7 \times 10^7\right)^2}{1.60 \times 10^{-19}}$$
 [1]

$$V = 2100 \,\mathrm{V} \,(2 \,\mathrm{s.f.})$$
 [1]

Energy, power and resistance			The electron gun	
Learning objectives	MUST (6)	Describe uses for, and basic structure of, the electron gun		
	SHOULD (7)	Explain how electron guns work		
		Calculate	calculate a value for the kinetic energy of an electron being emitted from an electron gur	

PLENARY: An electron is accelerated from rest across a potential difference of 100 V. What is its kinetic energy in:

- a) electronvolts Charge of 1 e x 100 V = 100 eV
- b) joules? 1.602 x 10⁻¹⁷ J

EXTENSION: An alpha particle is also accelerated from rest across a p.d. of 100 V. How will its:

- a) kinetic energy = 200 eV, as the alpha particle has 2 x charge
- b) velocity vary from the electron in the question above? 7344 times bigger (approx) so velocity much smaller electron 60 times faster. Working below)

$$E_{k(\alpha)} = 2E_{k(e)}$$
 $0.5 m_{\alpha} v_{\alpha}^2 = 2 \times 0.5 m_e v_e^2$
 $m_{\alpha} = 7344 m_e$
 $0.5 \times 7344 m_e v_{\alpha}^2 = 2 \times 0.5 m_e v_e^2$
 $3672 v_{\alpha}^2 = v_e^2$
 $\sqrt{3672} = \frac{v_e}{v_{\alpha}}$